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Letter dated 20 November 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 34 of the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 20 July 2000 (S/2000/718), in which he expressed his intention to appoint a senior official, based in Beirut, to help to coordinate United Nations activities with regard to Lebanon.

I wish to inform the Council of my intention to appoint Ms. Pernille Dahler Kardel (Denmark) as Acting United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, succeeding Ms. Sigrid Kaag (Netherlands), effective 1 December 2017, until a full recruitment process is finalized for the post. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Ms. Kaag for her dedicated and effective leadership since her appointment in 2015.

Ms. Kardel is currently Deputy Special Representative for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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